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a report concerning Chinese Communist military, medical, industrial, transportation and other miscellaneous activities in Tientsin. The report contains statements in general terms about the central military headquarters for troops in the Tientsin area, types and locations of some troop billets, hospitals, activities of the Civilian Health Department, rubber industry in Tientsin, shipping and rail traffic, sewage disposal, and police activities. 25X1

the central military headquarters in Tientsin was in the Leopold Building in mid-1955 and the Kailan Mining Administration building had 25X1 also been taken over by military forces.

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1. Military

- a. [redacted] beginning in 1952, an influx of commercial and business people from Sinkaing to Tientsin took place, and [redacted] in August 1955, there were approximately two or three thousand of these people in Tientsin.
- b. [redacted] regular military being assigned to Tientsin, and [redacted] these troops were billeted in large private residences which had formerly belonged to wealthy Chinese residents of the city and which had been taken over by the military; in the American barracks, the French arsenal, and in buildings in the Race Track area of the city. [redacted] the troops were billeted in no specific locations, but rather were scattered over the entire area.
- c. [redacted] the Leopold Building contains the central headquarters of the military for the Tientsin area. [redacted] the Kailam Mining Administration (KMA) building was also taken over by the military, and [redacted] the mayor of Tientsin and the chief of police normally signed proclamations and public orders issued by the military headquarters in Tientsin.
- d. [redacted] a few tanks in Tientsin in 1949, but [redacted] they subsequently disappeared. [redacted] it is possible that tanks are now located in the race track area of that city.
- e. [redacted] in 1952, [redacted] military trains which carried trucks and antiaircraft guns. [redacted] they were being sent to Korea.

2. Medical

a. Hospitals

- (1) Race Course Road, opposite Villa Westlake, new, built in 1953. Tientsin First Hospital, formerly U.S. Marine Corps Sick Bay, located in former Japanese concession. Former St. Louis College, now converted to a hospital. Former Tientsin Third College, now converted to a hospital.

[redacted] there are numerous large hospitals in Tientsin, but [redacted] an unemployed person has great difficulty in being treated. [redacted] an employed person has no difficulty whatsoever. [redacted] never heard anyone complain about the treatment they received in these hospitals.

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(2) Specific details unknown, but [redacted] the bed capacity would be adequate for normal requirements.

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(3) Medical and surgical. Separate hospitals exist for mental patients. [redacted] facilities for the treatment of mental patients were inadequate.

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(4) [redacted] the supply of nurses seemed adequate, but in view of the long lines of patients awaiting treatment, a shortage of doctors must exist in Tientsin.

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(5) Equipment is old and mediocre.

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(6) No information.

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b. Civilian Health Department

(1) [redacted] the Health Department of Tientsin makes every effort to keep the streets of the city clean and takes precautions against epidemics breaking out. [redacted] they have been generally successful in their efforts.

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(2) [redacted] the Health Department retains no permanent staff of medical doctors. When it has a need for the services of a doctor, it drafts them from among the civilian population.

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(3) Mumps, chicken pox - no cholera or similar type diseases.

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3. a. Tien-ching Motor Vehicle Assembly Plant

(1) [redacted] the Tien-Ching Motor Vehicle Assembly plant is used for the maintenance and repair of buses used in public transportation; that these buses came to Tientsin from Czechoslovakia and Poland. [redacted]

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c. The rubber industry in Tientsin

(1) [redacted] a rubber factory located in Tientsin, which makes bicycle, automobile and truck tires. [redacted] no civilian in Tientsin may own a car, so the bulk, if not all the production of this factory, can be presumed to go to the military.

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in the prohibited zone areas of the city, particularly in the Russian concession in a building that used to be a Nationalist barracks - high-walled, well-guarded, and displaying "Danger" signs - an arsenal is located.

the French arsenal does not produce ammunition

e. **Storage**

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in the Russian concession, opposite the British concession on the Bund, old Japanese warehouses are now being used by the communists, and that in this area, there is a concentration of warehouse and storage facilities.

4. Transportation

a. the old roads and streets in Tientsin are paved and the newly constructed roads and streets are of concrete.

b. the roads built by the Nationalists were very poorly done, but that the present requirements laid down by the communists are high. a new road from Race Course Road to Sunday Island, completed in 1953, is an excellent piece of work.

c. the organizational structure of the road and street maintenance department does a good job.

d. there are three main ferries used in and around Tientsin; they are old junks, and the power is provided by oarsmen. the capacity of each ferry is approximately 20 persons, and they do not carry freight.

e. the communist government has established an "Agency for Foreign Ships", which serves as the Tientsin agent for all international shipping companies that have vessels docking at Tientsin.

ocean-going vessels dock in Takubar, which is about an hour by boat from Tangkoo, which, in turn, is a half-hour by train from Tientsin.

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- g. [] all north-south rail traffic passes through Tientsin, but [] there are no railway bridges within Tientsin, proper. [] there are only reserved seats on the trains and [] the service, beginning in 1952, was considerably improved; [] trains are clean and terminal facilities relatively comfortable.

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5. Miscellaneous

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- a. [] the canal running through the center of Tientsin is used for the purposes of sewage disposal. [] sewage enters the canal at a point near the outlet to the sea, and is then carried out to sea. [] garbage is collected frequently, taken to the outskirts of the city, and there dumped and left in open piles. [] not [] aware of any construction being done for improving sewage disposal.

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- b. [] the water supply of Tientsin is good, and no shortages have existed [] no new construction under way or planned in this respect.

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6. Additional Miscellaneous Information

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[] the main police station in Tientsin, which appears to serve as a general police headquarters, is located in a new building which was completed in 1954. This building is situated opposite the recreation grounds. [] each 2 or 3-block area of Tientsin has a police station located within it, which concerns itself with the Chinese population of the city. [] the police concerned with stateless persons are from a different organization which is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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